

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/890,987

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/12/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-11, 13-24, and 26-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Detailed Action**

***Drawings***

The Examiner accepts the drawings filed on August 7, 2001.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2-11, 13-24, and 26-32 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention generally discloses investment that covers inflation by trading that includes inflation. The prior arts of record include the teaching of Leon (US 6,052,673) and McDonald (US 2004/0019558). Leon teaches investment management in relation to inflation factor. On the other hand, McDonald teaches loan data collection for rental property. However, the prior arts of record fail to teach, singly or in combination, employing the couple value, the future inflation data and the estimated future interest rate data to calculate a current cash value of the at least one future inflation-related adjustment of the coupon value or a portion of the coupon value for a future year wherein inflation-related adjustment provides inflation cover for the coupon value. In addition, the prior arts of record fail to teach or suggest presentation of a purchase price to the user at which the at least one future annual inflation value  $inf_i$  for the coupon value CV, or a portion thereof, can be purchased and the program enables the processor to track trading in the at least one future annual inflation value wherein the least one future annual inflation value comprise an asset.

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The examiner agrees with the applicants' remarks presented in the Response of January 12, 2006. The prior arts of records taken singly or in combination fail to teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, the examiner favors the allowance of claims 2-11, 13-24, and 26-32.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Thao Havan whose telephone number is (571) 272-8111. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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